available) are set out in Annexure *[See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 111].

(c) Reserve Bank of India has already reduced the rates of interest on crop loans with effect from 1st March, 1988. The rate of interest on crop loans upto Rs. 15,000 has been reduced by one to 2.5 percentage points. There is no proposal for the present to further reduce these rates of interest.

Agreements signed with foreign countries for the supply of equipments etc.

2436. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR; SHRI LAL K. ADVANT:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the agreements signed with foreign countries in which aid's and equipments for non-essential eatables, ice-creams, sanitary-wares, cosmetics, etc., have been allowed to be imported and also which are those agreements in which multinationals have been allowed entry during the each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) what are the names of the exporting countries and also of the multinationals;

(c) what are the reasons for allowing import of the above items and the policy of the Government in this regard; and

(d) the value of imports of such items mentioned in part (a) above in each of the past threr years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (d) The information is being col lected from various Ministries and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Complaints received against Swa_ deshi Cotton Mills, Kanpur

2437. SHRI SHANKER SINH VA-GHELA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints of overpayment of compensation amount to the owners of Swadeshi Cotton Mills Company Limited of Kanpur; if so, the dates on which these complaints were re-ceived and what are the detai's thereof; and

(b) what is the response of Government as yet, to each one of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM). (a) and (b) Government have received a letter dated 5th May, 1988 from a Member of Parliament, *inter-alia,* alleging overpayment of compensation to the owners of Swadeshi Cotton Millg Company Limited, Kanpur. The matter is being looked into.

Amount held up in sick and closed industries

2438. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-PAYEE: SHRI KAILASH PATI MTSHRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) what is the amount held up in respect of banks and other financial institutions in sick and closed indus tries and the steps taken so far (in cluding further financial help) to remove the sickness thereof-

(b) what is the amount of the banks, etc. held up in sick farming sector and the steps taken so far (in cluding further financial help) to remove sickness thereof; and